

HB 427 -- Basic Civil Legal Services Fund

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This bill creates the Basic Civil Legal Services Fund. The fund will increase the public money available for civil legal services for low-income persons, as defined by the federal Legal Services Corporation Income Eligibility Guidelines. To fund the program, a \$20 fee will be assessed upon the filing of every civil or criminal proceeding in circuit court and any appellate court; a \$10 fee will be assessed upon filings in associate circuit court. The Missouri Supreme Court or its designee will administer the fund.